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MAD MAX: 40-BALL HUNDRED

Glen Maxwell scored the fastest hundred in the competition's history, reaching the three-figure mark in just 40 balls with eight sixes and nine fours to go past South African Aiden Markram's previous record of 43 balls

10 Steven Smith has the 2nd-most 50+ scores in the WC for Australia after Ricky Ponting

15 For the Netherlands, Bas de Leede's spell of 2 for 115 was the most expensive in ODI history



FOR THE RECORD, AUSSIES DUTCH QUITE A FEW IN DELHI ENCOUNTER

A host of milestones were set when Australia plundered 399 runs against the Netherlands in a World Cup match on Wednesday

399

is the highest total for Aussies in a WC match in India



WARNER'S SIX, JOINS SACHIN

David Warner has become the fourth Australian player to score back-to-back tons after Mark Waugh (1996), Ponting (2003-07) & Matthew Hayden (2007). He has joined Sachin Tendulkar at top with six WC hundreds | P15

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BIGGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY IN ODI WORLD CUP AND 2ND OVERALL

Use Bharat in textbooks: Panel

NCERT committee suggests replacing India in all social science textbooks up to Class 12

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

A panel set up for revising NCERT textbooks has recommended that 'India' be replaced with 'Bharat' in all social science textbooks up to Class 12. Chairperson of the committee, C.I. Issac, told this newspaper that the panel has also suggested replacing 'ancient history' with 'classical history' and introducing the Indian Knowledge System in the syllabus for all subjects. The panel has also suggested highlighting 'Hindu victories' in textbooks, evoking sharp reactions from Opposition parties.

"It was a unanimous decision to replace the name 'India' with 'Bharat' in the textbooks for stu-



- OVER TO EDUCATION MINISTRY**
- The recommendations have been shared with the education ministry; NCERT says no decision has been taken yet
 - Panel also suggests replacing 'ancient history' with 'classical history' and introducing Indian Knowledge System for all subjects
 - Oppn parties pan the move, terming it a bid to distort history

dents across classes," said Issac, who heads the seven-member social science committee. He added that the recommendations have been shared with the education ministry.

However, NCERT chairman Dinesh Saklani said no decision has been taken on the panel's recommendations.

'Bharat' was officially used for the first time when the Centre sent out G20 invites in the

name of 'President of Bharat' instead of 'President of India'. Later, the nameplate of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the G20 summit also read as Bharat instead of India.

On highlighting 'Hindu victories', Issac said: "Our failures are mentioned in the textbooks. But our victories over the Mughals and sultans are not."

The NCERT is revising the curriculum of the school textbooks in line with the National

Education Policy. It recently constituted a 19-member National Syllabus and Teaching Learning Material Committee to finalise the curriculum, textbooks and learning material.

The panel chaired by Issac is among the 25 committees formed by NCERT in December 2021 to prepare position papers on various subjects.

Opposition parties panned the move. Congress leader K C Venugopal said: "You can see how they are distorting the history of India through the textbook, syllabus... For us, India and Bharat are equal."

DMK spokesperson Saravanan Annadurai said: "The BJP is resorting to name-change politics to divert the attention of people from its misdeeds."

Israel asks India to declare Hamas as a terror outfit

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

ISRAEL wants India to declare Hamas as a terrorist organisation, the country's ambassador to India Naor Gilon said on Wednesday. "We have communicated this to India. We are in dialogue with the government, it's a friendly talk," Gilon added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was among the first world leaders to condemn the October 7 attack on Israel. While India hit out at Hamas for the terror act, it later clarified that no alternative to the two-state solution can bring peace to the region.

As the conflict entered the 19th day, Israel is gearing up for a protracted war with Hamas. It is constantly hitting potential Hamas targets in Gaza while the ground offensive has been delayed due to "tactical and strategic considerations".

Israel Defense Forces (IDF) spokesperson Lt Col Peter Lerner said on Wednesday that the objective is to destroy Hamas. "A vast majority of areas are safe in Israel, but Hamas may try and infiltrate. So, we will have to destroy Hamas in its entirety," he said. Israel has roped in 3 lakh reservists



An off-duty Israeli soldier takes photos of an installation of blindfolded giant teddy bears adorned with photos of Israelis held captive on Wednesday | AP

HEZBOLLAH HUDDLE WITH HAMAS, ISLAMIC JIHAD

Senior officials of Hamas and Islamic Jihad have held talks with Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, the Lebanese group said on Wednesday. The talks focused on achieving "real victory" against Israel. Hezbollah and the Palestinian groups agreed to coordinate | P12

for the ongoing war. The IDF's priority is to locate and bring back the 222 hostages who have been held captive by Hamas. Four hostages have been released so far.

On Wednesday, Israel's Ambassador to the UN, Gilad Erdan, said that they would deny visas to UN officials after a re-

mark by Secretary General Antonio Guterres appeared to justify the Hamas attack.

Meanwhile, Gaza is running out of fuel and other essential items. Hospitals are low on fuel, which means if not replenished soon, there would be no scope for survival of patients in intensive care units.

Class 2 girl suffers burns while 'cleaning' school toilet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chitradurga

SINCHANA, a Class II student of the government higher primary school at Jodi Chikkanahalli Gollarahatti in Challakere taluk, was admitted to the district hospital here on Wednesday after she suffered acid burns due to the alleged negligence on part of the headmaster.

According to some residents of Jodi Chikkanahalli, students were asked to clean the school toilets by Rangaswamy, the headmaster. When Rangaswamy found one of the toilets not cleaned properly, he started cleaning it himself and sprinkled the acid cleaner on the floor. While sprinkling, some drops of acid cleaner fell on Sinchana's back, who was standing there, they alleged.

Soon she developed blisters on her back and was rushed to the district hospital by some people of Jodi Chikkanahalli. P7

Modi to attend Ram temple consecration

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will attend the consecration ceremony of the Ram Mandir on January 22, 2024.

"Jai Siyaram! Today is a day full of emotions. Recently the officials of Shri Ram Janambhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust had come to meet me at my residence. They have invited me to come to Ayodhya on the occasion of consecration of Shri Ram temple. I feel very blessed. It is my good fortune that in my lifetime, I will witness this historic occasion," Modi said in a tweet.

The consecration ceremony, would take place at 12:30 pm on January 22. About 4,000 saints and seers from across the country and around 2,500 dignitaries would be present.

EXPRESS READ

Priyank writes to CM on exams on same date

Kalaburagi: RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge on Wednesday urged CM Siddaramaiah to direct the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) and the Police Department to conduct the entrance exams for various posts on different dates instead of holding them on the same day (November 5) | P7

Wildlife items: Houses of actors raided

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

SPECIAL teams of the forest department raided the houses of actors and politicians possessing wildlife items and recorded their statements on Wednesday. The raids were conducted in Bengaluru, Tumakuru and Koppa. The teams raided the houses of actors Darshan, Rockline Venkatesh and Jaggesh, Rajya

Sabha member. The sleuths of the department also questioned Nikhil, actor and son of former CM HD Kumaraswamy. They also raided the ashram of Vinay Guruji at Gowrigadde near Koppa and a murti in Tumakuru.

Based on a tip off, the sleuths arrested Kannada Bigg Boss contestant V Santosh Kumar from a studio in the city for wearing a pendant made of ti-

ger claws on October 22.

On Wednesday, Brijesh Kumar Dikshit, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), issued an order for formation of special teams headed by the Additional PCCF (Wildlife) to conduct raids and collect details on those possessing wildlife items. The teams will verify documents and certificates related to wildlife items possessed by the people. P4

'R'nagara to be renamed B'luru South'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

DEPUTY Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Wednesday said the state government is planning to rename Ramanagara district as Bengaluru South district.

"Planning to rename Ramanagara district with Channarayana, Ramanagara, Kanakapura, Magadi and Harohalli

taluks as Bengaluru South district," Shivakumar tweeted.

Shivakumar, who is also Bengaluru Development Minister, said he wanted to bring international recognition to Ramanagara, Magadi and Channarayana taluks. Hence, the plan to form Bengaluru South district with these taluks. "We will take the opinion of the people in this regard," he added. MORE ON: P4

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